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MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Welcome and good evening.

My name is Charlie Petersen. I'm a state employee, I work for a unit called Management Analysis and Development. I have been contracted with myself and a colleague by the Department of Commerce to moderate these sessions as a neutral.

I want to go through the process for this evening. We're in the welcome period now.

Ground rules for this evening's program, basically to be respectful, courteous, and patient so everyone can fully express their thoughts and ideas and recommendations. What that means is please don't interrupt and be quiet so others can hear.

I've identified Janet earlier during the session. My opinion is she's the most important person in the room. She's the court reporter. She is the one that is taking your comments, writing them in and putting them into the official minutes for this evening's meeting. If she can't hear, she gives me a dirty look. So when she gives me a dirty look I need to make certain that folks can hear with that.

With that stated, in all honesty, this

morning we were having a little trouble with the mics. I still think we have a little bit of trouble. The height in here is making the sound just go -- it's kind of muffled. We've got what I'll call a low mic and a high mic. A little stronger voice, this is for you. This is for your low voice, for lack of a better way to describe it. So figure out which voice you're at and choose which mic works and I'll be checking with Janet to make certain that she can hear through this.

So I'll just apologize up front.

Hopefully we've got it better. I don't know that
we've got it fixed. Hopefully we've got it better.

Don't obstruct a person's view is not an issue. Turn off cell phones.

And then, lastly, for the comment period, you'll be given five minutes to provide comment. We will be able to go through this I think a couple times through, I'll explain that a little more as we get closer to the comment section.

One piece I want to just make a statement on before we get into the presentation. In previous meetings a number of people have come up and either been opposed to or supportive of the pipeline, which is fine. The value that we're looking for out of

these meetings is to look for the issues and impacts, the concerns that you have with these pipelines from your perspective, from the community's perspective, for the area's perspective. Those are the things that we're looking for, the issues and impact. That's number one.

Secondly, we'll take any idea you've got for how to transport, those issues. So that's number two. Any ideas as far as mitigation, going around and dealing with it, et cetera.

Number three is there are a number of routes identified and there is selection criteria that's in your packet for looking at those routes and identifying which ones are better. Look through that criteria, what's missing, which ones do you like better, which ones do you like least. Look through those and provide comments on those things. So flowing back to the issues of impacts, ways to mitigate or address those issues and impacts, and then the route criteria.

I know people come up with presentations already prepared, and that's fine, but just try to get those thoughts in your head, to think about those are the things that we're looking for that would be valuable.

I want to introduce Jamie MacAlister.

She's the Environmental Review Manager for the

Department of Commerce. She'll go through her

presentation and I'll let her give the introduction

of herself.

MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Thank you, Charlie.

Can everyone hear all right?

I'm Jamie MacAlister with the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit. And I will be leading up the EIS, the environmental impact statement for these projects.

And before we get started, I'd just like to make sure everyone received a yellow folder when they came in and to make sure that you have what you need from the folder. You should have a copy of this presentation, which has all of my contact information on the last page. You should have a comment form, which you can fill out now and leave with us or fill it out at your leisure and send it in.

There's also some guidance on how to submit an alternative. And that is simply meant to serve as guidance and help us -- for you to know

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what is helpful for us when you submit an alternative. Nothing in that is set in stone. If you have any questions or concerns about how you might do that, please feel free to contact me.

There is also a copy of the alternative evaluation criteria which, as Charlie said, we are looking for effects on that. If there are other criteria that you think may be included in that, we would like to hear that.

There is also a preliminary table of contents. Which, again, if you see something that's missing from that list that needs to be added or if you think there's more detail that you can help us flesh out on any of those topics, we're happy to hear that as well.

And then you should have a couple of maps in there. One showing what had been previously referred to as route alternatives and one previously referred to as the system alternatives. We are not distinguishing between those two, but we understand there are a number of people that are more familiar with the nomenclature as it stands now so we left it that way.

I would also like to note that on the evaluation criteria, what we are looking for -- and

the criteria is related to the purpose statement. We know that there's some disagreement or confusion as to how the purpose statement was written for the Sandpiper project, and I'd just like to note that, again, these are two different projects with two different purposes, and it's important to keep them separated, the Line 3 purpose statement versus the Sandpiper statement. And as we said, the draft scope. Again, we are taking more feedback on what you think is a better way to potentially state those purposes.

Also, as Charlie noted, the acoustics in here are somewhat challenging, so when you come up, please state and spell your name for Janet. And she will let you know if she's having trouble hearing you and we'll get that squared away because she's capturing the comments.

So as you can imagine, there is a lot of regulations that surround these projects. There is the statute and rules for the certificate of need. There is a statute and rules for the routing of the pipeline. There is a statute and rules for completing the environmental impact statement, or the EIS.

And once we get through this

environmental impact statement process, there will be contested case hearings for these projects that will be administered by an administrative law judge.

The scoping meetings are very important to us because it's a way that we get feedback from you on issues and concerns that need additional analysis in the EIS. It allows people the opportunity to participate in the development of alternatives, and it also helps inform the final scope that we will be preparing and submitting to the Public Utilities Commission and that will ultimately be approved by them.

So this is the third round of scoping meetings that we have held for these projects. When we are done with this, there will be over 40 scoping meetings. And some of the primary issues of concern that we've heard as we've been out here are spills, concerns about ground and surface water resources, wild rice, tribal resources, pipeline decommissioning, jobs and local economies and climate change.

So we've also been working very closely with state and federal agencies, with the tribes and the public. And we're really interested to know from your perspective what have we missed, what has

been overlooked, what else do we need to include in the scope of the EIS.

I'd just like to run through briefly what the EIS process will look like. Once we get through the scoping meetings, we will be preparing a final scoping decision that will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission and ultimately approved by them.

Once that approval has been made, that will trigger the EIS preparation notice and we will begin drafting the EIS. Once the draft EIS is released, we will hold another series of public meetings on the draft and the EIS will be finalized. And there will be a determination of the EIS adequacy and that will all occur before the contested case hearings. And contested case hearings will occur before there's any decision on the route and route permits and the certificate of need.

So it's kind of confusing as to how all of this information starts informing the EIS and who is in charge of the EIS and the permitting decisions. So the Department of Commerce serves as the technical staff to the Public Utilities

Commission. And for this project we are working

with the Minnesota DNR and the Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency as our assisting technical agencies.
We're also coordinating with local, state and
federal governments, tribal governments, the public,
and other interested parties as we develop the EIS.

The EIS in turn informs the Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission, which is the responsible government unit for these projects and is responsible for making the permitting decisions.

Again, for the alternatives, there are the previously recommended system alternatives that are under consideration, as well as all of the route alternatives that have been suggested throughout the Sandpiper and Line 3 scoping meetings.

The anticipated schedule for the entire process is still very fluid, but we would expect there to be a final scoping decision potentially by the end of this summer, a draft EIS early in 2017, followed by draft EIS public meetings, a final EIS and adequacy determination in the summer of 2017, with contested case hearings and potentially the route and permit decisions by the fall of 2017.

So tonight you are welcome to provide your comments to us verbally. You're welcome to submit your comment form tonight or send it in. You

can also email or fax your comments to me. And as long as I receive them by Thursday, May 26th, these will all go into the record.

And once the comment period closes, we will be taking your comments, all of the written comments that we receive will be bundled and posted online and on eDockets alphabetically, in batches alphabetically. As well as all of the verbal testimony or comments that are being heard here tonight will be available online as well and you would look for your comments based on the location which you attended and provided the comments. So those transcripts will be available for you to see that.

And, with that, I'm going to hand it over to Charlie.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you, Jamie. We've got, I think, eight or nine cards here of people scheduled to come up and make comment. We will have a five-minute time frame, but I think with only eight or nine folks, they can come up and comment a second time once we've gone through the list. That will work out.

As we get -- as you come up, I will ask you to state your name and spell your name for Janet

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so it's correct in the minutes. I'll also ask you if you want a time warning. I'm going to have a timer set here for five minutes, and if you would like I can give you a two-minute warning, a one-minute sort of warning, I'll be trying to catch your attention by putting my hands up that way.

I'll identify the person who is going to speak, like in baseball, they're up, and the next person up is on deck so you know which person is coming up next.

It seems like there is -- oh. If you are -- some people have been reading from a typed document. If we can get those, that would be great, and I will ask you for that if I see you're reading from something, because that's an easy way for Janet to get that information and the correct spellings, et cetera, your exact words into the record as best as possible with that.

With that, the first person up is Harlan Jensen, and then on deck is Korey Northrup, if I'm saying those right.

So give me just a second to get things set up here and get going.

I'd like to have you sit in the chair.

Hang on just a moment. Hang on just a second.

1 We're talking a little bit about the process here 2 and trying to get it straightened out. I'm going to talk with him in private. 3 4 (Discussion.) 5 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Okay. The next person up is Korey Northrup. And after Korey is David Beatty. 7 So if Korey would like to come up. 8 9 MS. KOREY NORTHRUP: I guess that's me. 10 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: If you're Korey. 11 MS. KOREY NORTHRUP: I'm Korey, yeah. 12 Is this on? I'm not sure this is really 13 necessary. MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: State your name 14 15 and spell it. 16 MS. KOREY NORTHRUP: Korey Northrup, 17 K-O-R-E-Y, N-O-R-T-H-R-U-P. Am I supposed to tell you who I'm with 18 19 and whatnot, or does that matter? 20 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: No, you can go 21 ahead and start. 22 MS. KOREY NORTHRUP: Okay. So I'm asking 23 for a full EIS of the preferred route, considering 24 the 900 acres of forest that's going to be 25 destroyed. Some things that need to be included are

the maple sugar bush, medicines that are needed, the wetlands, wild rice, mushrooms, berries, game populations, and our sacred gift of sage, sweet grass, tobacco.

I would also like to know how to -- how do you propose to address the ceded territories in regards to the treaty land. In regards to us being able to exercise our treaty rights, and how that would impact the ceded territories that we have.

I'd also like to know how the sediment is affected by the tar sands in case of a spill, knowing that tar sands sink. And getting involved in the sediment, how long before it turns up and is poisoning the water.

I'd also like to point out the fact that the pipe doesn't really stay in the ground in wetlands, as we've seen actually right here on the Fond de Lac Reservation. Where we sugar bush, there are two lines that are exposed right now and a third one that will come out at any moment. So I'd like to know how they will keep it in the ground if they're going to go through the wetlands. Because at one point in time it was in the ground and now there's trees growing on top of it.

So, in closing, I really ask for a real

clear picture of what our resources are that we're going to be using in regards to the proposed pipeline and the abandonment. And I'd just like to comment on the fact that the water is life for everything that is there, and including us, our trees, and our plants, and our animals. And those are all things that we ingest, so I'd like to know, like, how that's going to be impacted. Thank you.

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MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

The next person up is David Beatty. Followed by James -- is it Hietala? You are David.

You've got to state your name, spell it for Janet, you have five minutes. Would you like a two-minute warning, a one-minute warning?

MR. DAVID BEATTY: I won't need one.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Okav. I'll give you a one-minute warning just in case.

MR. DAVID BEATTY: My name is David Beatty, B-E-A-T-T-Y.

I have a concern. I receive all emails from the state on both projects and I have not seen anything in regards to the existing Line 3. happening to it? As far as I know, it's staying in the ground, and I think that's the wrong way to go. What's going to happen 100 years from now if it corrodes and collapses? I think it should be removed.

That's all I have to say.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much for your time.

James, right. And the next person up is Steve Schulstrom.

State your name and spell it.

MR. JAMES HIETALA: My name is James Hietala, H-I-E-T-A-L-A.

I'm from Warba, Minnesota, where I already have the wonderful privilege of having six Enbridge pipelines across the property. And I said that quite facetiously, I'm not really happy about it. And I'm on one of the alternative routes also.

When those first pipelines were put on the property, my father owned it. They blocked off the exit creek to Shallow Lake. The creek ran from Shallow Creek to Swan River and they blocked it. They did a lot better in evaluating wetlands and creeks, but when they put in their most recent two lines, they dug up the 100-year-old cedars on my property, and they destroyed a tiny creek, which is

a seasonal creek, but it had small springs that fed it year round. That is no longer there. That really wasn't evaluated. And that meant a lot more to me than the money they gave me. It is really disappointing, even now, how they value some of these things.

I worked 32 years for electric utilities, a wastewater utility. We removed things when we were done. And this gentleman said just before me that it should be up to the landowners if they want it removed or not.

That land has basically been removed from normal production. There's no way it's ever going to get back unless they remove the line. There's also issues of potential leakage. And in my case, if that line goes towards the Swan River from the swamp, you could have swamps draining right through that line instead of the natural routes. It just can be an environmental disaster. Localized, but it's a disaster for the people who live there. That really needs to be considered.

If there is any seepage that's gone on,
I'm in a rural area, who knows what's already in the
ground unless you build a pipe on it and take a look
at it. So I think that's important as well.

And, finally, just in general, I think you need to evaluate conservation and eliminating the need for this, especially with what we know about the cost of carbon.

Both environmentally and economically, things are going to change and we need to look at that when evaluating these routes. Are they really necessary? Because you really take the property that you're going to cross, totally changing what it could be used for.

They could tell you, you can put gardens on there, different things, it doesn't always work out. What they've done to my property, they took the topsoil that was used for fill and put on top sand mixed with clay now. That's not really a good garden. In the past it was woodlands. That's not coming back. That has real impacts.

I don't think we evaluate that. I know in my case they did not evaluate the property, and once this thing starts going, there is no stopping it.

That's all I have to say. Thank you.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you very

much for your time.

The next person up is Steve Schulstrom.

And then Thane Maxwell.

MR. STEVE SCHULSTROM: Schulstrom. My name is Steve Schulstrom, S-C-H-U-L-S-T-R-O-M. I'm from Carlton County Land Stewards.

There are many parameters that need to be looked at when choosing a route for a pipeline. One of them would be environmental concerns. We can use modern GIS technology to help this process.

I brought this one example of how a single parameter analysis, in this case forest fragmentation, will appear in map form. There are many other parameters one could look at for the ones closest to me, and the farthest away would be the entire U.S.

Carlton County Land Stewards is not endorsing any of these system alternatives as being better than any other. This is an illustrative example of what could be done if one wishes to do so.

Now, the next map over represents the entire pipeline from start to finish. That simple statement is actually one of the more contentious points of this whole process. Enbridge said that the oil needs to go to Superior before it goes elsewhere. I accept that this is desired by

Enbridge in the same way it is desired by American Airlines, that folks traveling to the East Coast need to go to Dallas first. The big difference is that American Airlines is not asking for the power of eminent domain in their business model.

I know those maps are hard to see, you can come up later and I can explain them in more detail. The important point right now is there are differences in the routes and they can actually be modified using GIS.

However, there are factors other than environmental. One of them would be economics.

Anything in life involves a balancing act. For example, if a pipeline were to have shutoff valves at every water crossing, it may make it safer, but it would also make the entire pipeline prohibitively expensive.

These system alternatives only make sense if they're economically viable. There needs to be a consideration of the economics of the possible various routes. Carlton County Land Stewards' examination by an independent pipeline economist hired by the RGU, in this case, the DOC, that looks at the economic parameters for each system alternative. There also should be an economic

examination of how the approval of the Dakota Access
Pipeline may have changed the business need for
Sandpiper and Line 3.

Can you still hear me?

All right. During the Sandpiper direct testimony, an Enbridge economist put the figure at under 25 cents per barrel of crude oil shipped between the SA-Applicant and SA-03. SA-03 goes like this and then back up. This is really a more direct line, but the difference here is under a quarter barrel of oil. So if you you're looking at the economics, that isn't really going to be intuitively obvious to anybody but an economics person. So that's why we feel that that needs to be looked at.

I'm only bringing this up as an illustrative example. This type of information is available and could provide important insight as to the suitability of the system alternatives.

Thank you.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you.

The next person up is Thane Maxwell. And than Tania Aubid.

COURT REPORTER: And I would ask you to please not speak as quickly as you did earlier today. If you want -- I want to make sure I get

1 down what you have to say because I know it's 2 important to you. MR. THANE MAXWELL: Yes. 3 Thank you. 4 COURT REPORTER: So if you would slow 5 down, I would really appreciate it. MR. THANE MAXWELL: Yeah. I was going fast because I felt rushed by the process. 7 COURT REPORTER: Well, that's the way it 8 9 is for everybody. I'm sorry. 10 MR. THANE MAXWELL: I mean, you're 11 recording it too, right? Not just relying on --12 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: 13 MR. THANE MAXWELL: Thane Maxwell, 14 T-H-A-N-E, M-A-X-W-E-L-L. 15 Why I was over-hurried here this morning, 16 is we had five people trying to speak this morning, 17 we had an hour and 40 minutes of public comment time 18 to do it in. And we still kept it at five minutes 19 and everybody had to rush their comments. And I was 20 speaking -- I'm speaking too fast now because I feel 21 rushed by the five minutes. And then we finished an 22 hour early and she came up to me and said, I didn't 23 get it, I didn't get everything you said. 24 So it's like --25 COURT REPORTER: I never said that. Ι

1 never said that. I said you spoke quickly. MR. THANE MAXWELL: You said I want your 2 business card because I'm not sure I got it. 3 4 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Hold on, guys. 5 MR. THANE MAXWELL: You asked me for my business card because you wanted to ask me what I said. 7 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: 8 Hold on, guys. 9 We're not going to get into comments like that. 10 We're here to hear public comments, she's here to 11 hear the comments. We're doing the best we can to 12 get your comments in. 13 You've got the five minutes, you'll have a second opportunity to provide another five minutes 14 15 if you would like. You can, in all honestly, speak 16 as slow or as fast as you would like, the question 17 is she needs to get it down on the record. 18 that's all that I want to try and get accomplished 19 here. 20 MR. THANE MAXWELL: Got it. 21 MR. CHARLIE PETERSON: Are you 22 comfortable with that? 23 COURT REPORTER: Yes. But it is my 24 responsibility to take down everything you say. 25 I was asking for your card so I could get spellings

if I needed them, not that I didn't get what you had to say.

MR. THANE MAXWELL: That is not what you said.

COURT REPORTER: That's what I said.

MR. THANE MAXWELL: That's a lie.

COURT REPORTER: I am not lying.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Let's get on to the public comment piece.

MR. THANE MAXWELL: So the other thing I want to point out is that, you know, several times as you introduced this, you said that you were working with the tribes to define the EIS scope. That is absolutely not true.

You do not have a formal relationship with tribal governments and you have refused all of our requests for formal tribal consultation. You know, all of the affected Bands on this line have submitted letters asking for that consultation and they have not gotten it. And that is why there is a mass public effort to remove the DOC from this process.

Okay. So it's inaccurate to say in front of people and tell people that you've been working with tribal governments to define the scope of the

EIS. It's inaccurate.

The project purpose. The definition of project purpose. As you said, you know, you have a draft public purpose definition that states that the purpose of the pipeline is to get oil to Superior. We disagree with that. As someone else mentioned, we disagree with that definition of purpose, because it does not warrant eminent domain and condemnation of people's private land. Right?

That is what Enbridge wants you to do.

That is not the purpose of a pipeline. The purpose of a pipeline is to get oil from extraction to refinement, to get oil to market. The purpose is not to get it to their hub. Okay? If you're going to take people's land it should have a public purpose.

Now, you pointed out this morning that there are two different lines, that one of them is existing and is being replaced, and the other is brand new so they have different purposes, right? So I understand that. But we contest that the very definition of replacement, this idea of replacement, we don't buy it. This is not the same line being replaced in the same corridor, it is trying to put in a new line that is even bigger. They're

increasing the capacity of the line. It is an entirely different line and a new corridor. And so I do not accept the definition of project purpose as taking oil to Superior even for that existing line that is being replaced.

So I think the entire scoping process is affected by that fundamental decision of how you define the purpose of the project. And the people in Minnesota that are going to have their land taken, you know, they deserve to have their land taken because it makes sense for the public and not because it makes sense for Enbridge's profit.

The abandonment issues that these landowners are raising are super important. I cannot stress enough how much -- how unprepared Minnesota is for this step that is about to happen in the middle of a construction process, right? There should be an entirely separate process for the state to come up with a plan to deal with abandonment. Because what's going to happen if you push this through and we have some paragraph in the scoping about abandonment, how Enbridge is going to do a really good job at it, is we're going to set precedent because Minnesota has never done this before, right?

They've never dealt with abandonment before and we don't have any regulations. The federal government doesn't have any regulations. We are entirely unprepared for that and we don't know the consequences. And if we push it through we'll set precedent and they will abandon the other ancient lines in that corridor that are full of holes and crumbling.

So we've got a major public policy crisis on our hands. And we need a plan that is bigger than the scope of this particular project. It really has nothing to do with the EIS or the construction of the new one, right?

So I don't know how you deal with that in the scope of this document, but Minnesota really needs to think seriously about the crisis on their hands with these, with the crumbling infrastructure that is already in place. And as Korey said, it's literally sitting above the ground on this reservation miles from here.

Above ground. It's a 48-inch pipe, it's got a game trail sitting on the top of it, it's got willows growing all around it, and the protective white coating that they put on in the 1950s when they installed these lines is crumbling off.

Now, several different studies, National Energy Board from Canada and PHMSA studies have documented how the debonding of that coating literally causes the corrosion that causes ruptures. That is what caused the Kalamazoo spill in 2010, which was the largest inland oil spill in the country's history and it is still not cleaned up. They've spent \$1.2 billion on it and they're now being fined \$55 million for their negligence.

The debonding of that coating is what caused that rupture. There are six lines sitting on this reservation, two of them are exposed, they're ticking time bombs. We have a catastrophe just waiting to happen right here on the reservation.

So that is not something that can be dealt with inside this scoping process for new lines, right? Minnesota needs to wake up and see that they have catastrophes waiting to happen.

And, frankly, I think it's an enormous economic opportunity, an economic development opportunity. And I would like to see included in the scope an economic analysis of those different -- of those opportunities. What would it look like? How many jobs would you create? How many union jobs would you create dismantling and cleaning up,

1 dismantling those old lines and cleaning up the old And how many more of those jobs would be 2 mess. 3 locally sourced compared to the less than half that 4 would be locally sourced with the new construction, 5 right? MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: You've completed 6 7 your time. MR. THANE MAXWELL: Thank you very much. 8 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: You're welcome. 9 10 Next up is Tonia. And then DyAnn 11 Andybur. Am I stating that correctly? 12 MS. TANIA AUBID: Hello. My name is 13 Tania, T-A-N-I-A, last name Aubid, A-U-B-I-D. But 14 I'm also known as Biitwe Wegiichagookwe, that's 15 B-I-I-T-W-E, W-E-G-I-I-C-H-A-G-O-O-K-W-E. 16 First of all, I want to say this wild 17

First of all, I want to say this wild rice here was gathered over in Perch Lake. In this glass here you will see that there is two different colors of the wild rice that was picked, hand picked from this lake over here.

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Now, over the past few years we have been able to gather, harvest our rice, and hope to heck that it's going to be safe to eat. To be able to have some viable nutrients for us as Anishinabe people to be able to eat. And if you can notice,

one is shaded a light -- a lot lighter than what is on the top. And from what I know, from what has been related to me, that the slow stuff that's coming out of the pipelines has been able -- has been degenerating our wild rice.

The other part of this, I would like to ask is why were Band members forced to give up their place of residence here? From what the company has told my relatives that were moved from this place, is that they would get cancers from being -- living so close to these pipelines over here. So if somebody can answer that for me, that would be really great.

My other question for this is is this scoping running on Enbridge's time or for constituents to be more well informed of their safety?

And I was over at the sugar camp and I did see the trees growing above the pipelines that are above the ground like that. And I asked the people, you know, that came up there, that were doing the water quality testing, about what was going on with that. What are they going to be doing with those trees that are growing on top of those lines where the roots are going to be able to grow

through the pipelines? And they told me they would chop those trees down. Now, to me, that affects the air quality of what we have here. You know, that's ludicrous in my mind from the way I was brought up.

The other thing is those wild parsnips that are growing along those lines. You are going to be getting what you call phytophotodermatitis, which gives you third-degree light burns, the stimulation of that. And not even animals can be able to go over there and brush against it without having that on them.

I will save this document for after.

emergency cleanup services being offered to the reservation here. When this line does break over here, you know, we need more people to be able to have that knowledge and that capability to be able to come in and help clean up. Not only just for the non-Natives, but also for the Native people. I tried to go down to Cloquet when they had the pipeline people over there, having people go in to work over there, and I was referred back to the Toro office to be able to try to get a job there. They had no idea what I was talking about, to be able to go to work for the pipeline company. So what does

1 that tell me? Native people are always excluded 2 from what those jobs bring in. 3 With that, I will pass. Thank you. 4 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you very 5 much. Next up is DyAnn Andybur. And then Sandy 6 7 Sale [sic]. MS. DYANN ANDYBUR: My name is DyAnn 8 Andybur, D-Y-A-N-N, Andybur, A-N-D-Y-B-U-R. 9 10 from Duluth. And I'll speak a little louder. 11 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thanks. 12 MS. DYANN ANDYBUR: So I have some 13 comments that I would like to read. 14 Northern Minnesota is home to sensitive 15 wetlands, headwaters, and drinking water sources. 16 In addition to wildlife habitat and wild 17 rice-producing lakes that Indigenous people harvest. 18 Enbridge's history of transporting tar 19 sands in similar sensitive areas is a matter of 20 Enbridge was responsible for the worst record. 21 on-shore spill in U.S. history in 2010, the 22 Kalamazoo River disaster, which poured almost a 23 million gallons of tar sands into Talmadge Creek and 24 the Kalamazoo River. 25 The National Academy of Sciences recently

released a study that underlines the inherent danger surrounding the transportation of crude oil, and that transporting it by any means is unacceptable and is a disaster waiting to happen.

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Having said that, I understand that the Department of Commerce is planning to examine seven possible oil spill scenarios for Line 3 and Sandpiper. Now, I'm going to ask you to take the perspective that the pipelines will leak and to include far more scenarios of what the potential risks are in this EIS. So please include moderate and severe spills for each of the type of commodity, crude oil and tar sands oil, with multiple scenarios, and that's multiples of seven in various wetlands, drainage ditches, and rivers. And for each scenario, identify and quantify the impact on the wetlands, on fisheries, and nearby bodies of Also include impacts on cultural resources, the local landowners, local communities, and terrestrial species.

And in addition to that, identify who will be responsible for that cleanup, what is the quantity that you are putting in the scenario, what remedies will take place, what will it cost, and especially what will it cost the taxpayers.

1 Also, please include what damage will be 2 long term. That is, what is unresolvable, because 3 there will be impacts that cannot be simply cleaned 4 up. 5 Thank you. MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you. 6 7 DyAnn, did you have something in writing? MS. DYANN ANDYBUR: I'll write it out. 8 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: 9 Thank you. 10 Come on up. State your name and spell 11 it. I'll give you a two-minute warning and a 12 one-minute warning. 13 MS. SANDY STERLE: Okay. Can you hear 14 My name is Sandy Sterle, S-T-E-R-L-E. Sandy, me? 15 you know. 16 I have been to many meetings, PUC 17 Commission meetings, three contested case hearings, 18 written many documents. 19 What I would like to say is what I 20 noticed the result of that was, especially the 21 Judge, is the parties and the documentation was 22 ignored. And so what I ask is that we do this 23 different. 24 You need to listen to us. There are

experts that have worked for the DNR, that have

worked for the Federal agencies in the community that are giving you feedback. You need to listen to them.

The other thing I focus on is the Native

American community has been ignored. They have been

left out of this process up to this point. Promises

don't matter, it's the actions that matter.

As far as I'm concerned, the current pipelines that are on the main line greatly affect tribal lands now, and that not only the impact culturally and financially on their community, they need to have a representative consult in the preparation of this EIS. It's time to honor the knowledge and the culture of the tribes. That's another way this needs to be done differently.

This EIS also needs to be done transparently. The process of the EIS hasn't been done for pipelines in the past. This is a very important document. It was fought for by the public through the courts and we expect, and I say that in the most general way I can, that it is prepared in the public trust.

And what does that mean? It means you weigh transparently the impact of the different routes on the health and well-being of our

environment that we so greatly depend and not so much on the financial needs and desires of the corporate interests.

There are many ways to do that nontransparently that I have seen. Like the last so-called overall report that was written by the DOC, just simply counted shallow lakes equal to a ditch. That's a way of hiding the impact of what the importance of that shallow lake is for all the people that live around it and/or possibly need it for its resources.

Please, let's do this right this time. I know it sounds like I'm coming down with a heavy heart because I do have a heavy heart. We have been fighting this for a long time and we finally have this opportunity and I ask that you don't squander it. Don't make promises. You don't listen to the experts and the public who are experts and part of that expertise comes from experience.

And the last thing I would like to say is I think the EIS needs to look at a wider scope than where the pipeline simply wants to go. Where they want to go has never been studied about its impact on Minnesota. But, unfortunately, that's where it is. But if we allow them to continue to just

dictate where they want to go, we are going to continue to have impacts on the natural resources that we enjoy. Especially when we look at what Thane was talking about, the abandonment of pipelines. That's a whole 'nother subject that I don't have time to talk about, obviously. But I will write about it. And so what I'm trying to tell you --

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Finish your thought.

MS. SANDY STERLE: Okay. What I'm trying to tell you is this EIS needs to take a serious look at all our concerns to be included in the options.

Thank you.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you very much for your time.

Thank you to the folks that have provided public comment. We've gone through the collection of green cards. Are there folks that would like to make an additional -- additional folks that would like to make a comment? We'll go with you first and then we'll get back to you, we'll see if there's other folks that have not spoken yet first.

Anyone else who would like to make a comment?

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MR. THANE MAXWELL:

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Thane Maxwell again, T-H-A-N-E,

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be interesting.

So, you know, the Keystone XL project that Obama eventually vetoed, those pipes sat stored on the land there for about six or seven years, I think. And they realized in the process that the coating that they put on these pipes, which is API specification, it's called some kind of epoxy, something FBE, some kind of epoxy. It's the coating that they put on these pipes that breaks down in the sun, that the UV rays actually degrade the coating, which is what protects the pipe from corrosion in the ground. And they realized this.

The Sandpiper pipes and the Line 3 pipes are right now sitting on the land and they have been for about, I don't know, a year and a half, two years, something like that. And Enbridge is out there now -- longer? Maybe three years? Enbridge is out there right now, actually they

started last summer, painting a sunscreen on these pipes to protect them from the UV radiation because, you know, they're worried it's degrading. been shown, there was actually a report. It was done on the Alliance pipeline where they studied different lengths of time with UV radiation exposure and it showed that it degrades the coating. I think that should be in the EIS. Especially if this process drags on for a few more years, which it will, and those pipes have been sitting there for five years, I don't think we really know, we meaning the public, I don't think there is like a clear answer on how that degradation works or how significant it is. So that research needs to be done before we lay that pipe in the ground.

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Another one is about methane. So you have a section in your draft table of contents about climate change. You know, as many of you know, the carbon impact of the tar sands is like through the roof, you know, it's the dirtiest on the planet. What we often don't talk about when we talk about climate change is that the methane flaring in the Bakken where they're fracking is actually like 88 times more potent in greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide is. So that flaring is exacerbating climate

change magnitudes, like many magnitudes greater than just a regular burning of carbon. So that needs to be included.

Another point is I think there should be a very large section on spill response. And what Enbridge's spill response record is and what criteria they have in place and what they have agreed to do. You know, there was a major push in the last couple years in the legislature to establish spill response regulation and it was lobbied very hard against those. They were unwilling -- I'm reading from a direct quote here, they were unwilling to agree to provide a qualified employee to advise the public sector commander within one hour of a discharge, they were unwilling to agree to provide equipment within three hours of a discharge, they were unwilling to provide qualified personnel within three hours of a major spill, they were unwilling to guarantee that they could provide containment from land across ditches and other places where oil would drain into the water, et cetera, et cetera. So I think there should be a section on that and also on their track record.

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They also convinced them to keep secret two major environmental incidence reports, and the National Energy Board just sort of like left them in the office and, oh, we didn't get a copy of it. But, you know, there's like major, major foul play over and over again and that needs to be in

My fourth is a comment I made this morning. That we disagree fundamentally with the scope of the environmental impact statement that puts its blinders on at the North Dakota and Wisconsin borders and only looks at the state of

Minnesota. When you permit and support infrastructure like this you are supporting the extraction that puts the product into it, you are supporting the refinement that deals with the product at the other end, and so a responsible EIS would look at the impact far beyond our state boundaries, at that point of extraction, at the point of refinery, and all along that corridor. What that requires is it requires coordination with other states, with tribes and the federal governments.

Thank you very much.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you.

Korey, you're up next.

Anyone else?

Okay.

MS. KOREY NORTHRUP: Korey Northrup again. K-O-R-E-Y, N-O-R-T-H-R-U-P.

First of all, thank you to everybody that has spoke so far. Like everything that I've been hearing is so fantastic and wonderful, and the outpouring of other people recognizing that tribes need to be a part of this. It really warms my heart a lot. So I really just want to make a comment and say thank you to everybody that spoke today.

1 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you. 2 All right. Tania. 3 Anyone else? 4 Okay. 5 MS. TANIA AUBID: Hello again. Hello. Tania Aubid, T-A-N-I-A, Aubid, A-U-B-I-D. 6 Also 7 Biitwe Wegiichagookwe. B-I-I-T-W-E. W-E-G-I-I-C-H-A-G-O-O-K-W-E. 8 9 What I'm going to be doing is taking 10 excerpts from the Indigenous Environmental Record 11 from the Indigenous People Seattle Declaration. 12 The disproportionate impact of these 13 agreements on our communities, whether through 14 environmental degradation or the militarization and 15 violence that often accompanies development 16 projects, is serious and therefore should be 17 addressed immediately. And for what I have shown before with the 18 19 wild rice and that, that is something of degradation 20 to our people. 21 The appropriation of our lands and 22 resources and the aggressive promotion of consumers 23 and individualist Western culture continues to 24 destroy our traditional lifestyles and cultures. 25 The result is not only environmental degradation but

also ill health, alienation, and high levels of stress manifested in high rates of alcoholism and suicides.

Hence, therefore, when I tried to apply to be a pipeline worker, you know, that helped -- started me tipping the bottle and having lots of -- okay, what am I going to do for my family since I cannot be able to do a job.

The right of Indigenous Peoples to their traditional lifestyles, cultural norms and values should likewise be recognized and protected. And with Enbridge claiming that the -- hey, this is going to be a good life for us, you know, shame on you for using your families and promoting something that you know is going to be harmful to our ecosystem and our traditional way of life, lifestyles here.

Also, our sustainable lifestyles and cultures, traditional knowledge, cosmologies, spirituality, values of collectivity, reciprocity, respect and reverence for Mother Earth, are crucial in the search for a transformed society where justice, equity, and sustainability will prevail. And from what I have seen and from what I have experienced over the past three, four years, is that

there is no justice. There is no equity or sustainability. In my mind, it has not prevailed in tribal lands -- on tribal lands.

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The other thing, too, that I would like to be a part of the EIS, or you have Enbridge pay a full coverage insurance policy instead of having a limited liability insurance company paying for all the damages that have been done on all tribal lands in treaty territories. Keep in mind, treaty territories have superseded even what the states have come into as of late.

I would like to see more accountability not only from you, but also from our tribal leaders to be able to come to the table like we have done over at the sugar bush camp where your people had come to sit with Native people and to see what was going on, what we did as far as collecting our maple sap out there. And to be able to be a part of that. And if history serves me right, when yous came over to this land, people, your guest on this land, but yet you tend to forget that by being a guest on somebody else's land, you do not overtake what they have, or destroy what they have, pollute the waters, or pollute the air.

My suggestion is to be able to take the

Bakken oil crude, or whatnot, from that area over there, take it down SA-06 and then up around this way instead of having it cut through the freshest water, you know, in the world.

Thank you.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you.

And, David, you're up.

Anyone else?

MR. DAVID BEATTY: My name is David Beatty, B-E-A-T-T-Y.

I have been following Enbridge since they started because we ended up selling our home to them already. So I still continue to watch everything going on.

The comment Mr. Maxwell made about the pipes, the pipe sat in Canada before they came here, that's why it's three years. There's also a problem with that pipe because it's sitting uncapped, exposed to the elements inside the pipe. It's already starting to corrode. So they need to address that, I believe, right now before they ever go ahead and lay that. So the pipe is a big concern.

We have -- my wife and I have moved already, but we're still trying to follow what's

1 going on. So I don't -- I don't agree with 2 everything Enbridge says. When I was called by an Enbridge employee in our process of selling our 3 4 home, that they found places on Line 3 that looked 5 like tarpaper. So that's all I have to say. 6 7 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you. 8 Are there -- is there anyone that would 9 like to make comment? Any additional comments? 10 Going once? Going twice? 11 Come up, sir. 12 MR. DAN SNIDARICH: My name is Dan 13 Snidarich, S-N-I-D-A-R-I-C-H. 14 I just want to throw in a couple comments 15 here before I leave. It's about, you know, a lot of 16 pertinent information that has been put out there. 17 I'm a union rep for Local 49, 18 International Union of Operating Engineers. 19 a lot of the concerns in the audience, some of them 20 I have myself. 21 I just wanted to put out there that I 22 represent 13,000 members of our union that are 23 skilled at what we do. And we're safe at what we 24 And to be honest with you, the impacts of this do.

pipeline for us are huge as far as employment for

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1 our members. And we're with you, we want to do 2 things safe, do them right. I just want to go on record stating that our individuals that I represent 3 4 are some of the best in the industry. 5 So, yeah, I guess that's why I'm here. just wanted to put it out there. Obviously, you probably heard it before, but I'm proud of who I am 7 8 and who I represent and the people that are going to possibly do this work in the future. So we're going 9 10 to try to do it right, if we get a chance, do it 11 safe, and the best way possible. 12 So thank you. 13 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you. Any 14 additional comments? 15 Yes. 16 MR. JOEL REED: My name is Joel Reed, J-0-E-L, R-E-E-D. 17 MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: You need to hold 18 19 that up a little closer. 20 MR. JOEL REED: A little closer? 21 I just want to make a couple comments. 22

This proposed line is going to go over numerous rivers and streams. One of them is our Little Black River, which is just south of here, close to Black River, which after that flows into

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Lake Superior.

Last weekend I had a chance to talk to one of our neighbors. He showed me a picture of a steelhead that a fisherman caught upstream not far from where these pipelines are going to be crossing. Now, the steelhead is native to Lake Superior. Going up so far, it's incredible that that happened before, that they do go that far up, but it's something that we need to protect, those beginnings of those rivers.

So that's the only comment I wanted to make. Thank you.

MR. CHARLIE PETERSEN: Thank you.

Are there any additional comments? Going once? Going twice?

At this point in time we will close down the comment time. Thank you very much for your comments.

Thank you very much. Jamie has got a comment.

MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: I just wanted to let you know that if you have other comments that you would like to make on the record to Janet, she will be able to do that and we will be here until 9:00 to answer your questions.